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SUBJECT: STUDENT DISORDERS IN CEYHAN

- 1. ON NOVEMBER 30, DISORDERS BROKE OUT BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE IN CEYHAN, AN AGRICULTURAL CENTER OF THE CUKUROVA PLAIN WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT FORTY THOUSAND, LOCATED FIFTY KILOMETERS FROM ADANA.
- 2. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTS THAT SEVENTY TO EIGHTY RIGHT WING STUDENTS SOUGHT TO PREVENT LEFTIST STUDENTS FROM REGISTERING AT THE VOCATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CEYHAN, AND THE COMPLAINTS OF THE LEFT BROUGHT THE POLICE. A STUDENT OMER OZCELIK PULLED A PISTOL AND, FIRING AT RANDOM, REPORTEDLY KILLED A FELLOW

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STUDENT, TUFAN LICELI. ACCORDING TO THE CEYHAN SECURITY DIRECTOR, THE KILLER THEN FLED, FIRING AT THE POLICE. IN THE PROCESS, A BYSTANDER, MURAT ULGEN, WAS WOUNDED, AND LATER DIED.

3. ON DECEMBER 1, A FUNERAL PROCESSION OF LICELI'S FELLOW STUDENTS LEFT HIS HOUSE WITH THE COFFIN, SHOUTING "MURDERER GOVERNMENT", "MURDERER POLICE". THE FUNERAL CEREMONY WAS STOPPED BY ADANA SECURITY DIRECTOR ALPARSLAN BILGINER AND COLONEL MUSTAFA OZPEHLIVAN, SAYING THE USE OF SLOGANS IS ILLEGAL AT A FUNERAL.

4. A GROUP OF STUDENTS THEN BEGAN DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF A STUDENT, FIKRET ERTAN, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 30 ON OTHER RIOT-CONNECTED CHARGES, AND ALSO DEMANDED THAT THEY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENT AT LICELI'S AUTOPSY. IN SUPPORT OF THESE DEMANDS, THEY

ENTERED THE CEYHAN HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY CAPTURED THE CEYHAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND A GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER DOCTOR AND HELD THEM PRISONER FOR TEN HOURS. POLICE AND JANDARMA RINGED THE BUILDING, UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE STUDENTS FINALLY LED TO THE RELEASE OF THE STUDENT ERTAN AND THE DOCTOR AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

5. IN THESE DISORDERS, TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND FOURTEEN WERE ARRESTED. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL POLICE OFFICIAL DECEMBER 6, THE

PAGE 3 RUFLEPA3837 UNCLAS  $\mbox{KILLER OF LICELI HAS NOT YET BEEN APPREHENDED.} \mbox{VON DEN STEINEN}$ 

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